

House Resolution 1516 (AM)

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Organized Retail Theft; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, organized retail theft is one of the greatest challenges facing retailers; and

3 WHEREAS, the economic harm caused by organized retail theft affects the entire State of  
4 Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, numerous health issues are involved as stolen food items are being repackaged  
6 and sold with incorrect and false packaging dates; and

7 WHEREAS, there is a need for a legislative study of organized retail theft to determine if  
8 statutory changes are necessary to combat more effectively this growing problem.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
10 there is created the House Study Committee on Organized Retail Theft to be composed of  
11 six members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House  
12 of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
13 of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
15 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action  
16 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
17 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
18 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
19 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
20 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of  
21 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by  
22 any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized  
23 by the Speaker. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come

1 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee  
2 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed  
3 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2008. The committee  
4 shall stand abolished on December 1, 2008.